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OBI-WAN AND ANAKIN

Part IV

Young Anakin Skywalker has become unsure of his place within the Jedi Order despite Obi-Wan Kenobi's efforts to get him to stay.

When Anakin and Obi-Wan receive a distress call summoning them to the ruined world Carnelion IV, the two are caught up in a battle between two warring factions of the planet's primitive residents. When the fighting ends, three native survivors strike a truce in order that they might travel with the Jedi to safety.

During the ensuing airship journey, Anakin is befriended by Kolara. She and Mother Pran, her companion, note Anakin's affinity with technology. Seeing a possible path to victory in their endless war, they abduct the young Jedi, separating the Padawan from his master. Mother Pran and Kolara take Anakin and escape the airship, pausing only to shoot it out of the sky--with Obi-Wan still aboard....

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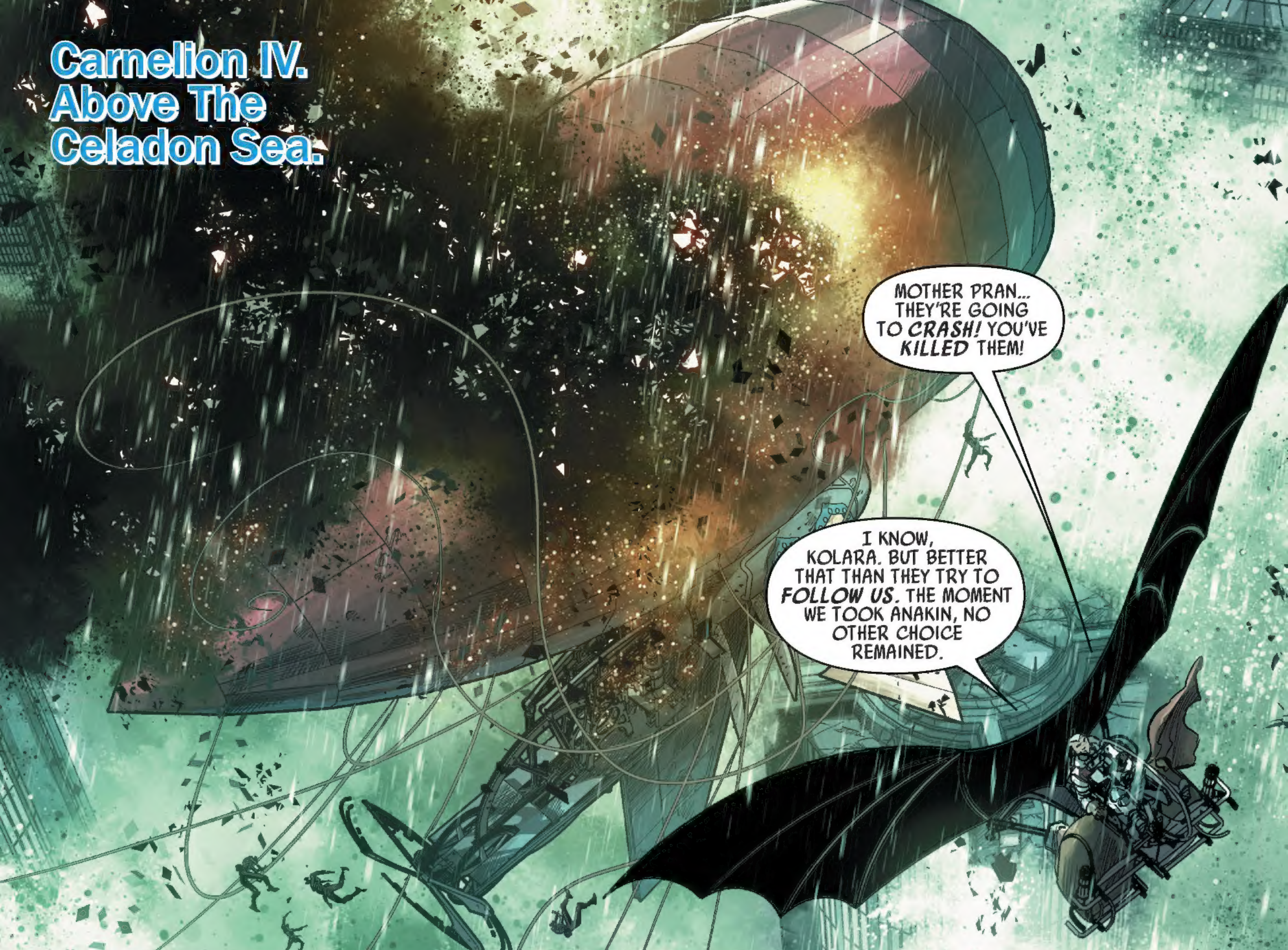
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Carnelion IV.
Above The
Celadon Sea.



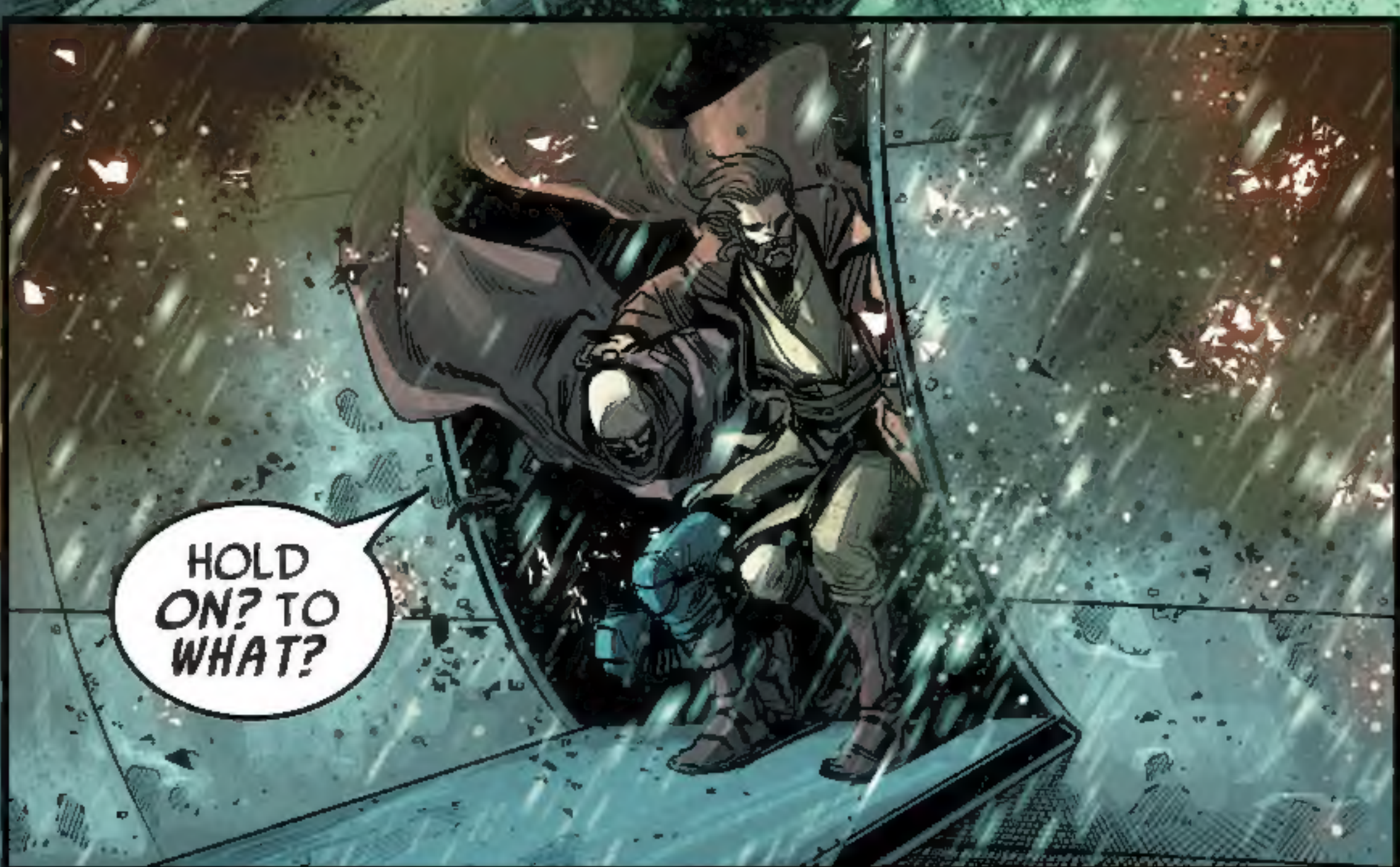
MOTHER PRAN...
THEY'RE GOING
TO *CRASH!* YOU'VE
KILLED THEM!

I KNOW,
KOLARA. BUT BETTER
THAT THAN THEY TRY TO
FOLLOW US. THE MOMENT
WE TOOK ANAKIN, NO
OTHER CHOICE
REMAINED.

Below The
Celadon Sea.



HOLD
ON.



HOLD
ON? TO
WHAT?

KRRRACK!

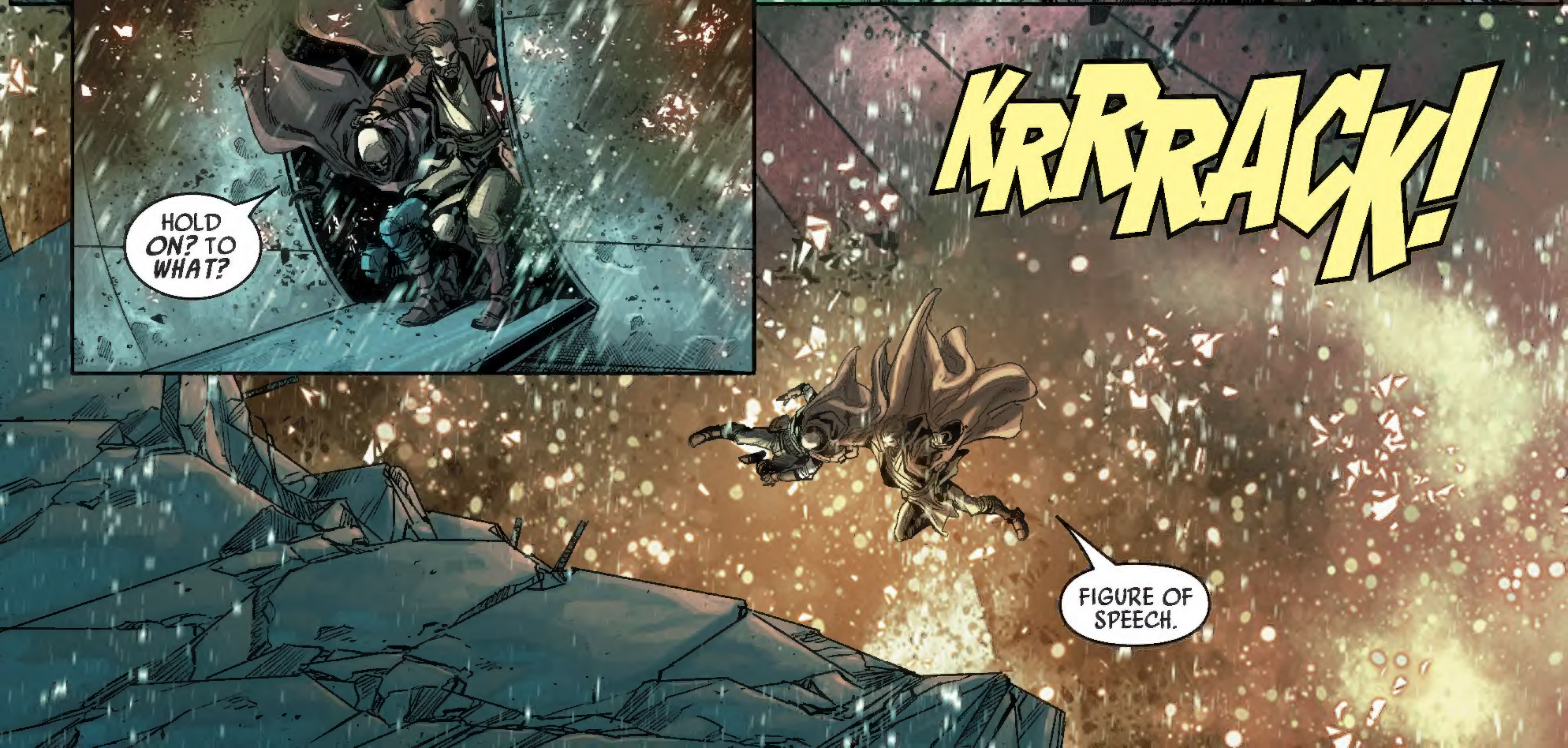


FIGURE OF
SPEECH.



SHHHK!

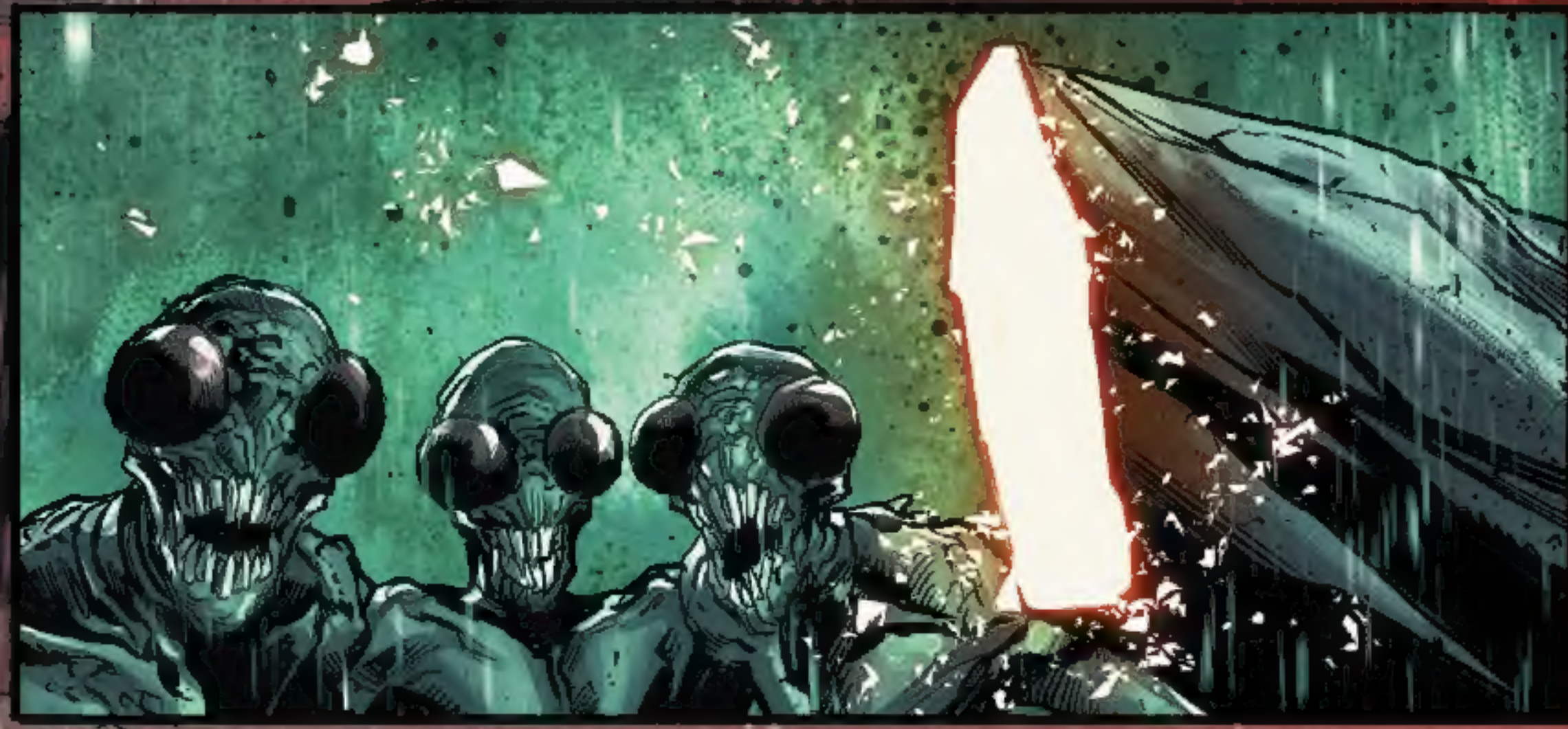
AWAY NOW,
LITTLE ONES. DO
NOT FORCE MY
HAND.

JUST KILL
THEM, OBI-WAN! THEY
CAN'T UNDERSTAND
YOU--THEY'RE
BEASTS!

Sssss...



SZZZK!



I THINK THEY
UNDERSTOOD ME VERY
WELL, GRECKER.



MOTHER PRAN
AND KOLARA TOOK
YOUR BOY AND FLEW
AWAY WITH HIM.

TRAITOROUS
OPEN ANIMALS. YOU
CAN'T TRUST THEM,
NOT FOR A
MOMENT.

WHERE
DID THEY TAKE
HIM?

WELL, I
DON'T KNOW...
I--



WHERE
DID THEY
TAKE ANAKIN,
GRECKER?



I TOLD YOU, I DON'T KNOW FOR
SURE. MAYBE BACK TO ONE OF THEIR
FORTRESSES...THEY BURROW
INTO MOUNTAINSIDES ABOVE
THE CELADON SEA.

THEY'VE GOT
NESTS ALL OVER
THE PLACE. YOU'LL
NEVER FIND HIM.
I'M SORRY.



I DON'T
NEED TO FIND HIM.
ANAKIN KNOWS WHERE
I'M HEADED. HE HAS THE
COORDINATES OF THE
DISTRESS SIGNAL.
HE'LL FIND ME.



WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
HE'S JUST A
CHILD.

NO. NOT
REALLY.

I'M LEAVING.
YOU MAY COME
WITH ME OR
STAY HERE.



Away.



Fortress-Home
Of The Open.





MOTHER PRAN. KOLARA. WHO IS THIS? A PRISONER?

IS HE OPEN OR CLOSED?

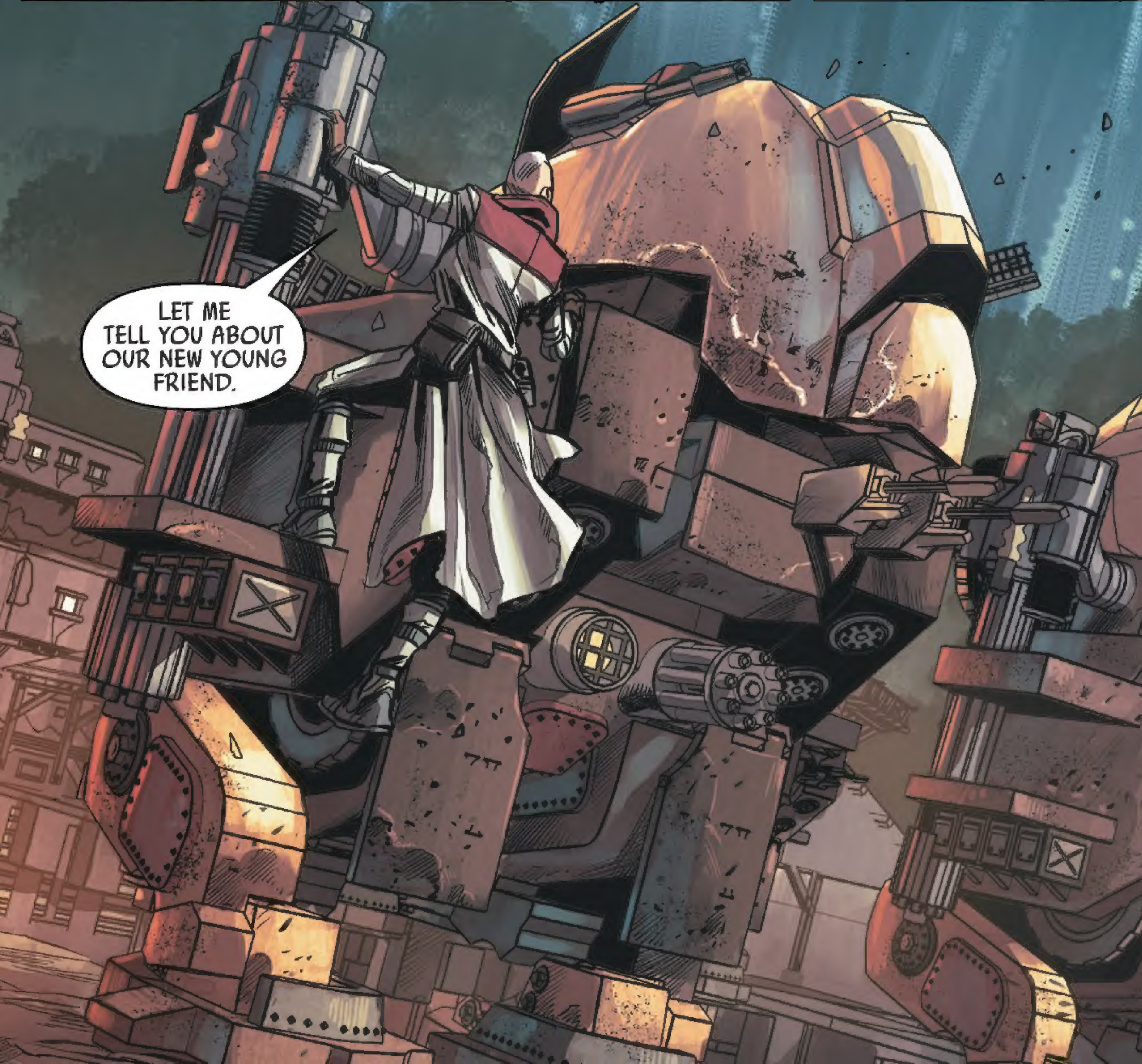
NEITHER. HE'S SKYGIFT.



A GIFT, INDEED.



HERE. I'LL SHOW YOU.



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT OUR NEW YOUNG FRIEND.



HIS NAME IS ANAKIN SKYWALKER.



HE IS VERY
GOOD WITH
MACHINES.

VRRRR

THE
DROID! HE--
HE FIXED
IT!



THIS CHANGES
EVERYTHING. WE
CAN FINALLY...WE CAN
FINALLY DESTROY
THE CLOSED.

WE CAN
ACTUALLY WIN
THE WAR.

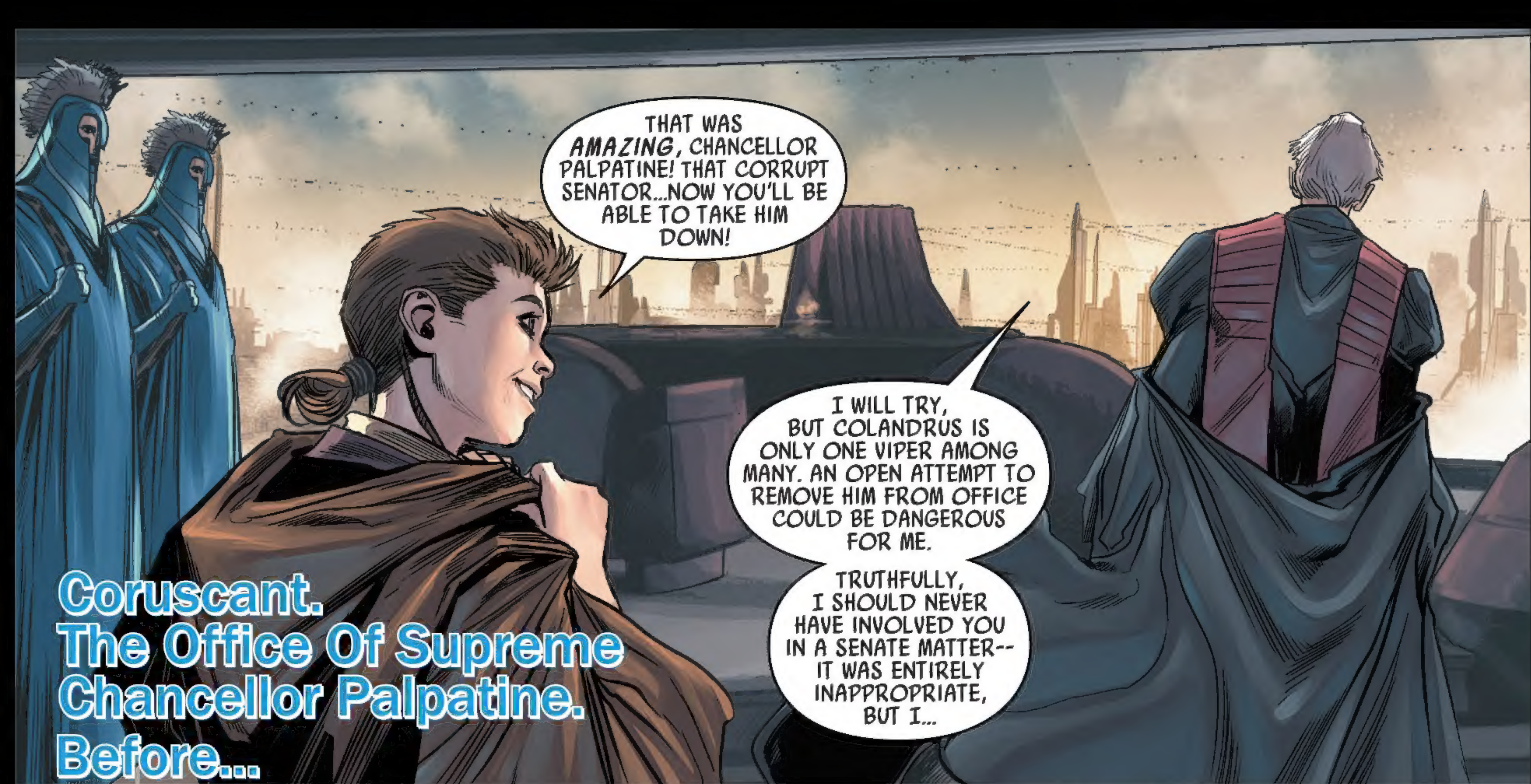
I KNOW. IT'S
WONDERFUL.



AND IT'S
ALL THANKS TO
ANAKIN.



HE'S
SAVED US
ALL.



Coruscant.
The Office Of Supreme
Chancellor Palpatine.
Before...

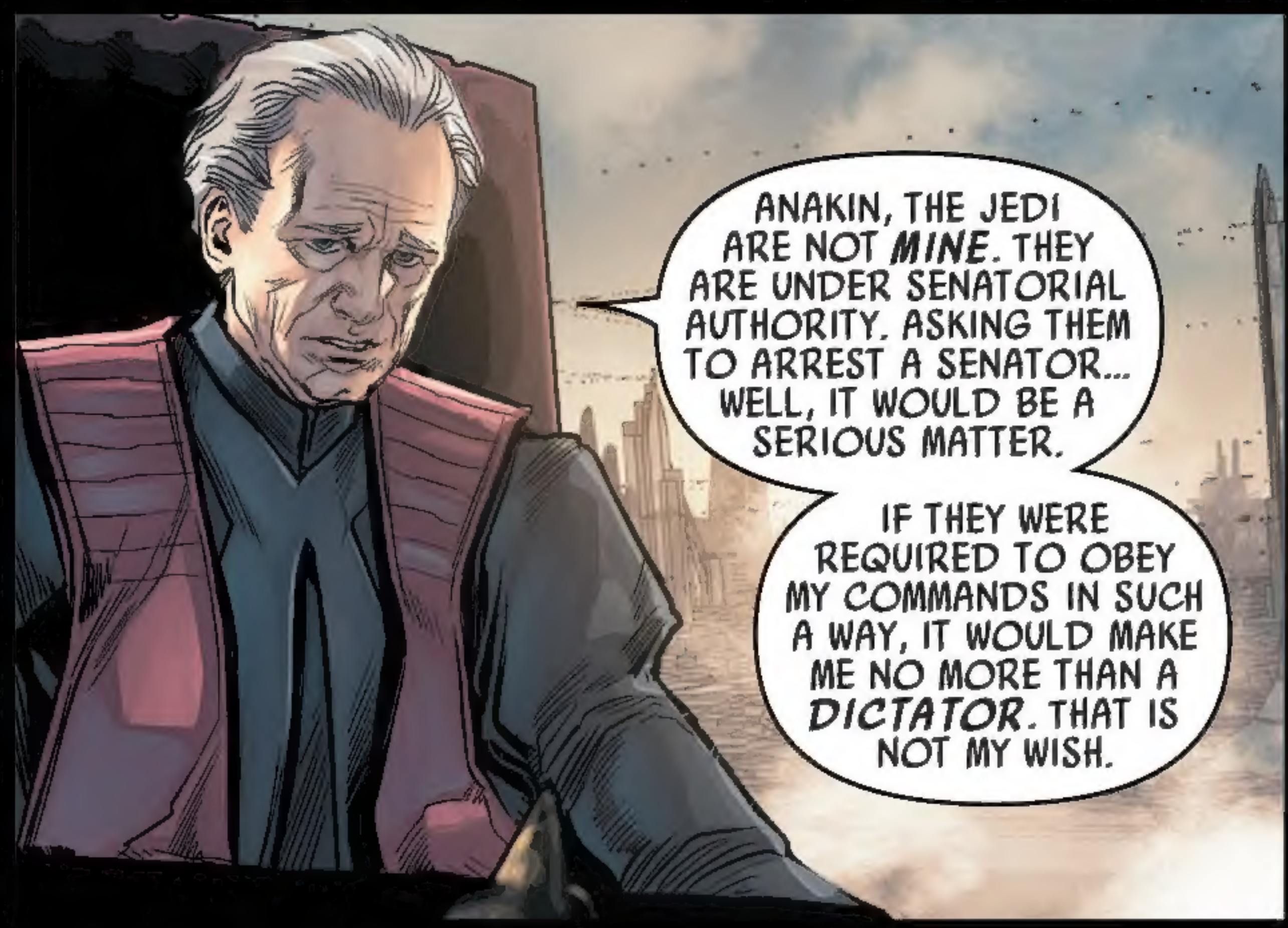
THAT WAS
AMAZING, CHANCELLOR
PALPATINE! THAT CORRUPT
SENATOR...NOW YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO TAKE HIM
DOWN!

I WILL TRY,
BUT COLANDRUS IS
ONLY ONE VIPER AMONG
MANY. AN OPEN ATTEMPT TO
REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE
COULD BE DANGEROUS
FOR ME.

TRUTHFULLY,
I SHOULD NEVER
HAVE INVOLVED YOU
IN A SENATE MATTER--
IT WAS ENTIRELY
INAPPROPRIATE,
BUT I...

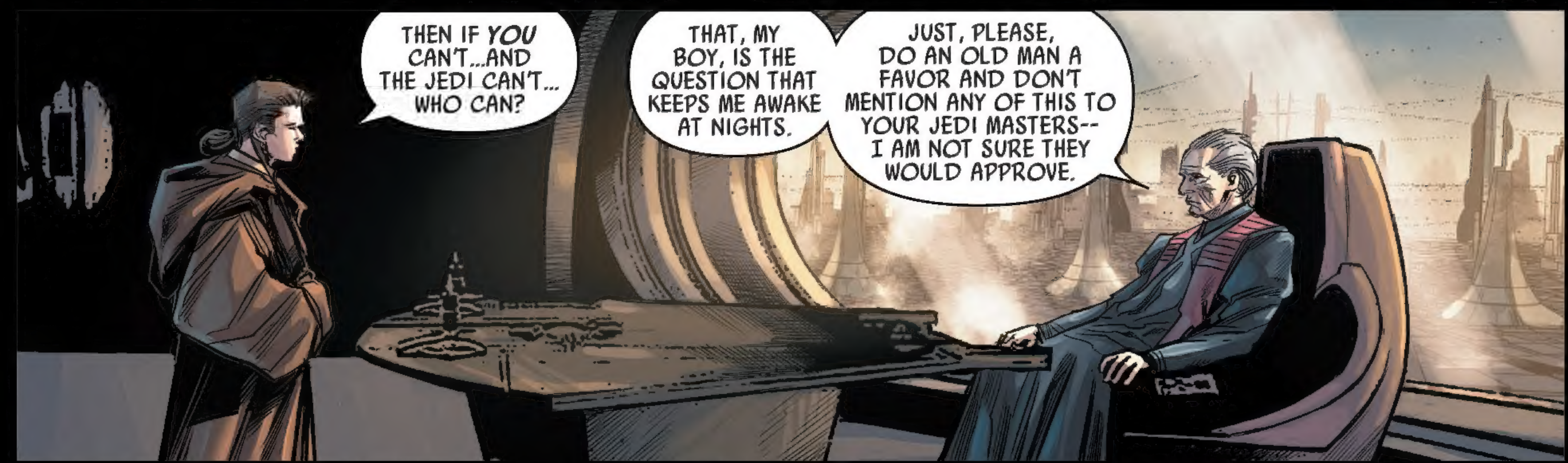


BUT YOU
HAVE THE **JEDI**.
YOU CAN ORDER
THEM TO DO IT
FOR YOU.



ANAKIN, THE JEDI
ARE NOT **MINE**. THEY
ARE UNDER SENATORIAL
AUTHORITY. ASKING THEM
TO ARREST A SENATOR...
WELL, IT WOULD BE A
SERIOUS MATTER.

IF THEY WERE
REQUIRED TO OBEY
MY COMMANDS IN SUCH
A WAY, IT WOULD MAKE
ME NO MORE THAN A
DICTATOR. THAT IS
NOT MY WISH.



THEN IF **YOU**
CAN'T...AND
THE JEDI CAN'T...
WHO CAN?

THAT, MY
BOY, IS THE
QUESTION THAT
KEEPS ME AWAKE
AT NIGHTS.

JUST, PLEASE,
DO AN OLD MAN A
FAVOR AND DON'T
MENTION ANY OF THIS TO
YOUR JEDI MASTERS--
I AM NOT SURE THEY
WOULD APPROVE.

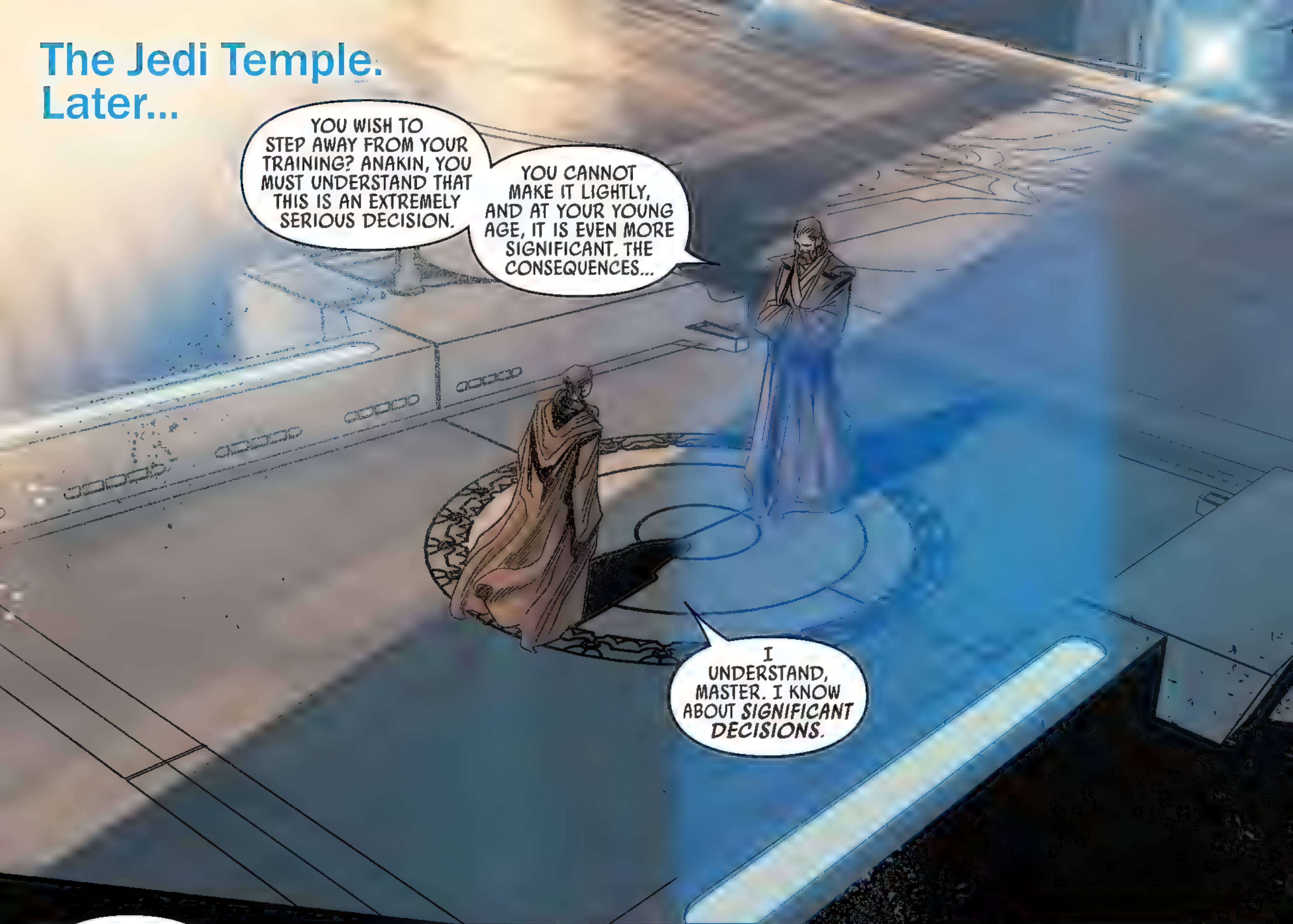


NO...I GUESS
THEY PROBABLY
WOULDN'T.

ANAKIN...IT'S
NOT MY PLACE,
BUT CAN I ASK YOU IF
YOU ARE HAPPY IN
THE TEMPLE?



The Jedi Temple.
Later...



YOU WISH TO
STEP AWAY FROM YOUR
TRAINING? ANAKIN, YOU
MUST UNDERSTAND THAT
THIS IS AN EXTREMELY
SERIOUS DECISION.

YOU CANNOT
MAKE IT LIGHTLY,
AND AT YOUR YOUNG
AGE, IT IS EVEN MORE
SIGNIFICANT. THE
CONSEQUENCES...

I
UNDERSTAND,
MASTER. I KNOW
ABOUT *SIGNIFICANT*
DECISIONS.



DO YOU
KNOW HOW I
JOINED THE ORDER?
I'VE NEVER
FORGOTTEN.

MY MOTHER
ASKED QUI-GON
IF HE WOULD TAKE
ME AWAY, IF I
WOULD BECOME
A JEDI.

HE SAID
YES, AND THAT
WAS ALL. MY ENTIRE
LIFE, DECIDED RIGHT
THEN. I WAS NINE
YEARS OLD.



QUI-GON
SAID JEDI TRAINING
WAS DIFFICULT. THAT
IT WOULD BE A
HARD LIFE.

I SAW A
MAGIC MAN, WITH
A SWORD MADE OUT
OF LIGHT AND A
STARSHIP.



I WAS A
SLAVE, ON A
WORLD MADE OF
DUST. WHAT WAS
I GOING TO
SAY?

NO?



Now...

THIS IS WHERE
THAT DISTRESS
SIGNAL CAME FROM?
JUST ANOTHER
RUIN.

I SEE THAT.
BUT SOMEHOW,
A CALL FOR JEDI
AID ORIGINATED
HERE.



YOU KNOW
WHO SENT IT,
DON'T YOU?

WHAT? NO,
OF COURSE
NOT. EVERYTHING
DOWN HERE IS
DEAD.

NOTHING CAN SURVIVE.
NOT SINCE THE OPEN
KILLED THE WORLD.

YOU THINK WE'D ALL
LIVE ON THOSE FREEZING
MOUNTAINTOPS IF WE
HAD A CHOICE?

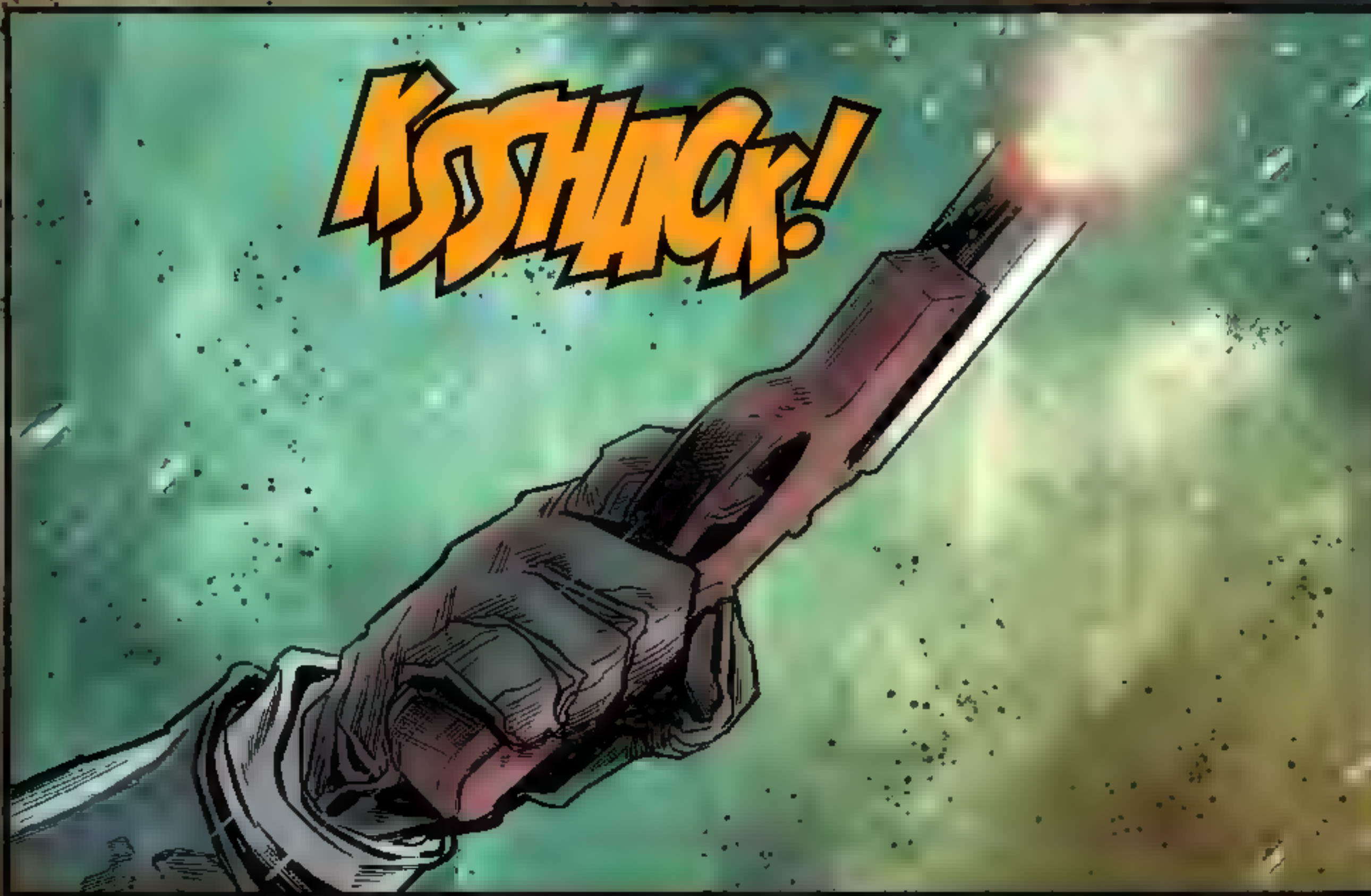
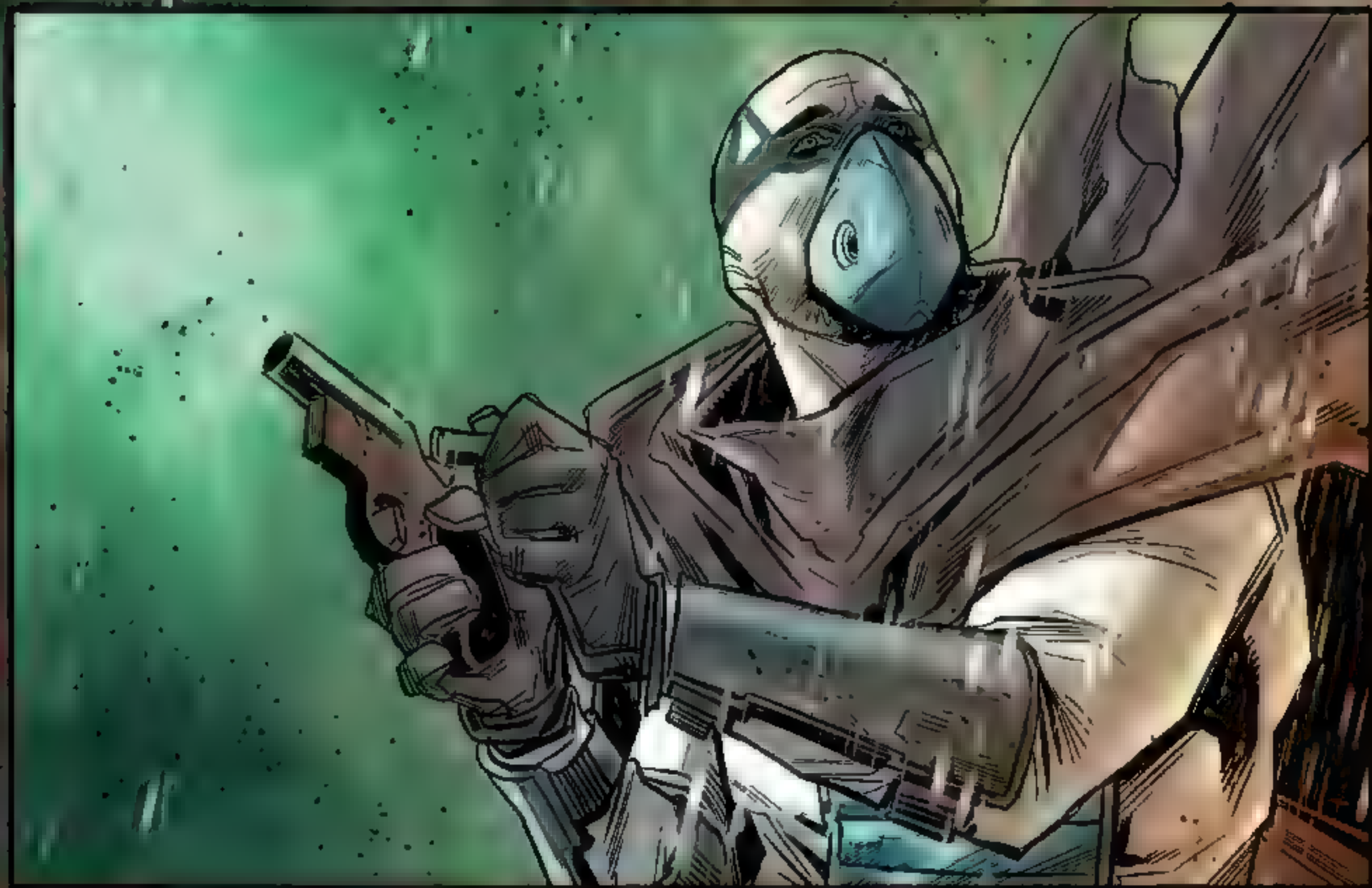
MM. AND THE
KITES?

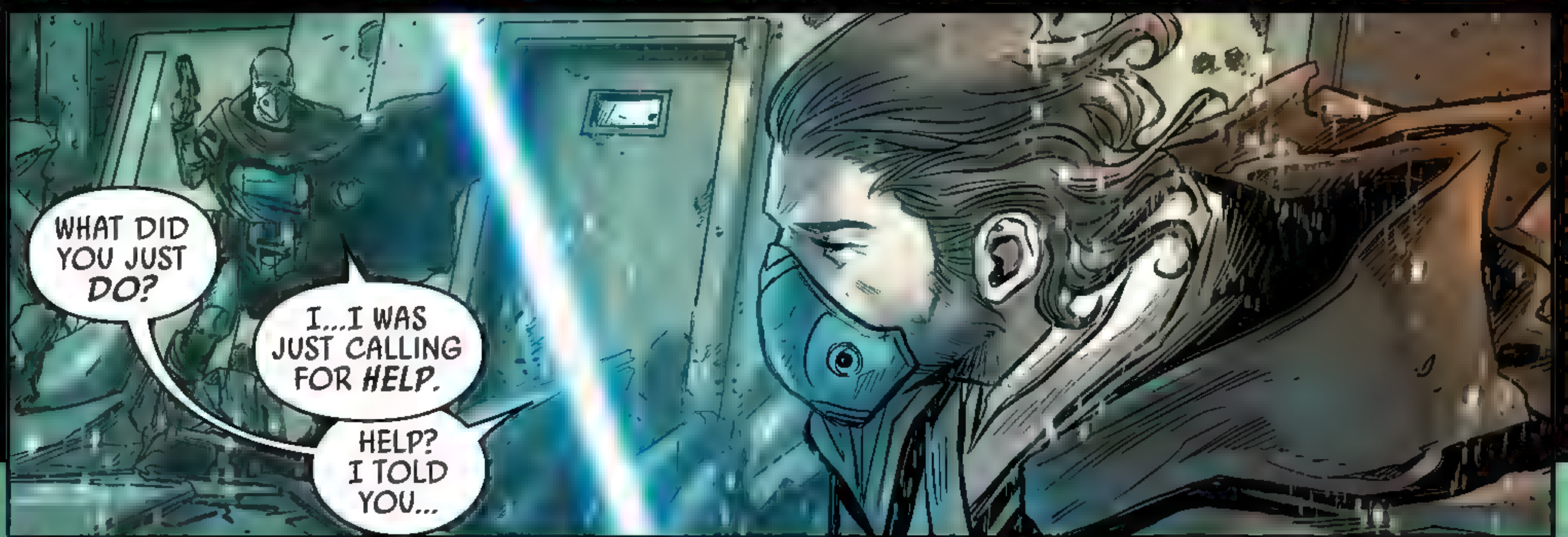
OR THE SUDDEN WILLINGNESS OF YOU
AND MOTHER PRAN TO WORK TOGETHER
THE MOMENT YOU HEARD THAT I WAS
LOOKING FOR A SIGNAL SENT
FROM THE WASTES?

I'M
NOT A FOOL,
GRECKER.

YOU KNOW,
YOU KEEP
INSISTING THAT
THIS WORLD
IS DEAD...









THANK YOU!
I THOUGHT I
WAS DEAD!

SHUT UP AND
GET IN HERE, OR
YOU WILL BE, AND
ME BESIDES.



NOW,
JUST TO GET
THAT JEDI OVER
HERE...

NO. CLOSE
THAT DOOR...
RIGHT NOW,
OR I'LL--



NO, YOU
WON'T.

SERVES ME
RIGHT FOR
TRYING TO DO A
GOOD TURN,
I SUPPOSE.

CLACK!



SSSSSK!

WHAT
DID YOU
DO?

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS? I
JUST SAVED
YOUR LIFE.



HE WAS
TRYING TO GET
ME TO CLOSE THE
DOOR, LEAVE YOU
OUT THERE FOR
THE BEASTS.

COME ALONG,
JEDI. I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU.



WHAT IS ALL OF THIS?

HOPE.



WHAT IS YOUR NAME, JEDI?

MM. MY NAME IS SERA.

OBI-WAN KENOBI.

THIS PLACE IS MY LIFE'S WORK.



REMNANTS OF THE WORLD THAT WAS, SALVAGED FROM THE DEAD LANDS OUTSIDE.

SEEDS FOR A NEW FUTURE.



YOU SEND UP THE KITES.

YES. SMALL THINGS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THEY WILL FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE HANDS OF PEOPLE RECEPTIVE TO WHAT THEY REPRESENT.

IT IS TOO LATE FOR THE OLD GENERATION--THEIR SOULS ARE AS POISONED AS THIS WORLD. BUT THE YOUNG... THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE IN THE YOUNG.



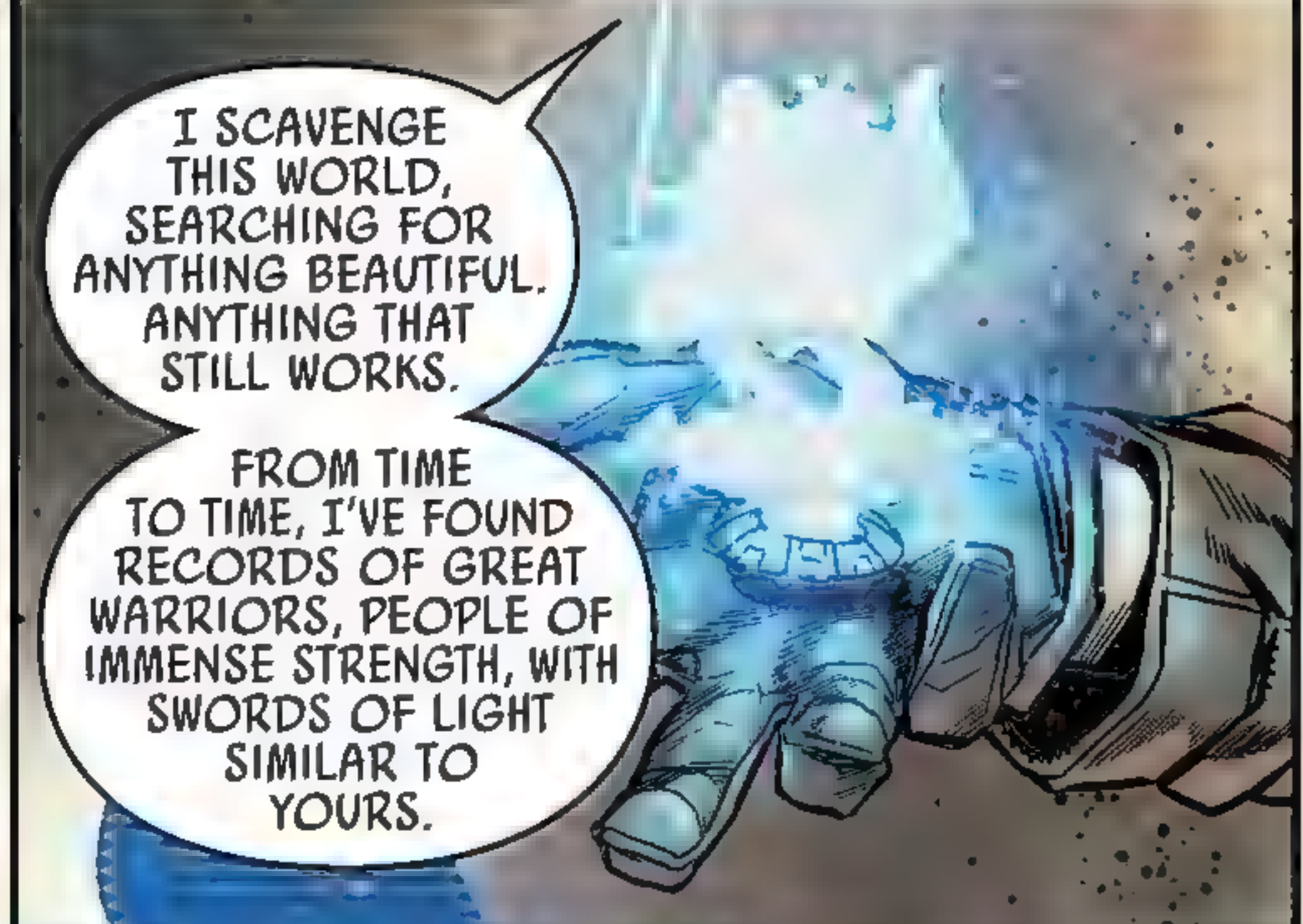
YOU SENT THE SIGNAL? YOU CALLED FOR THE JEDI?

I DID.

WHY? YOU SEEM CAPABLE OF HANDLING YOURSELF WELL ENOUGH.



YES. BUT
I AM OLD. I WILL BE
DEAD SOON. I NEED
SOMEONE TO FINISH
MY WORK.



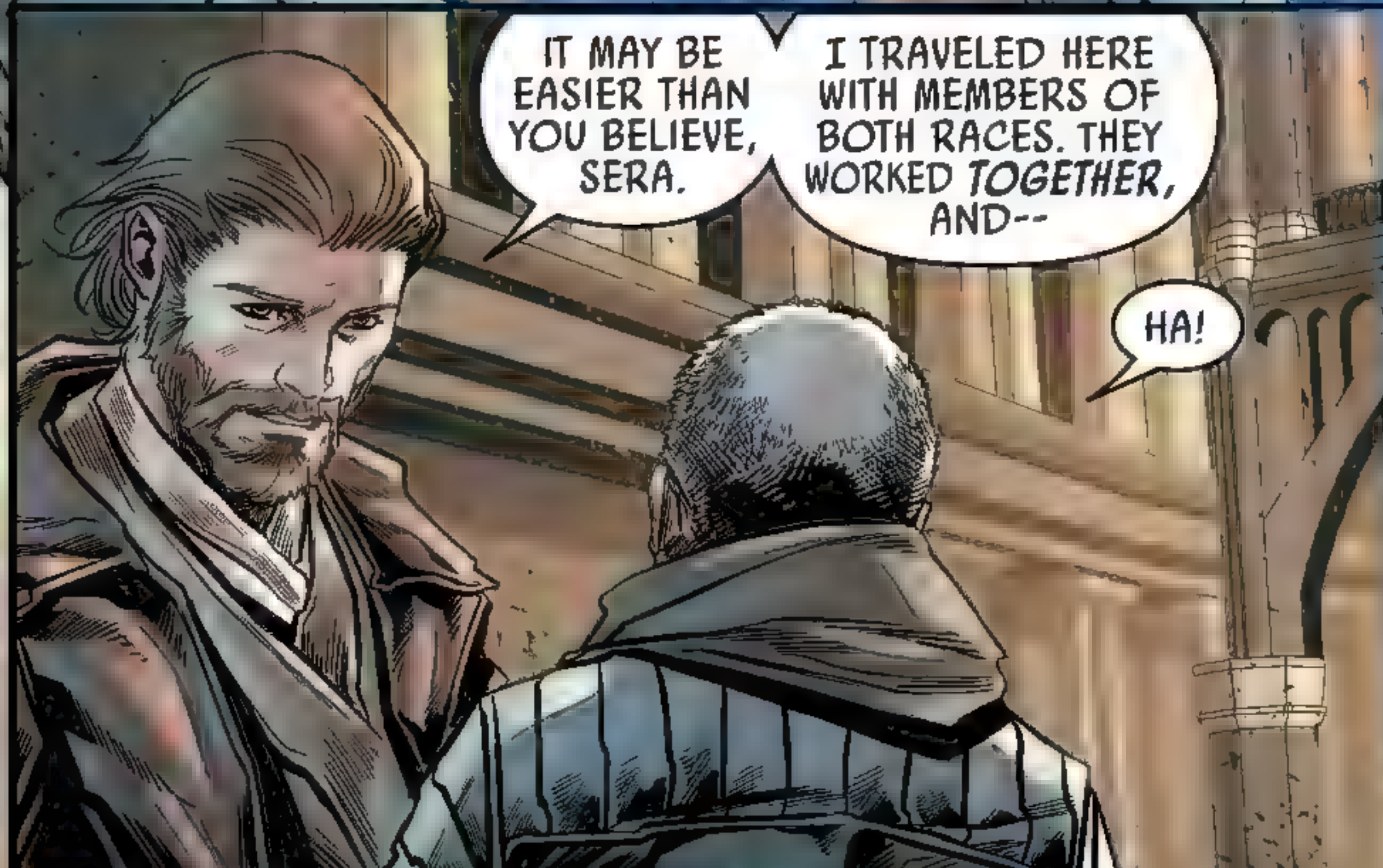
I SCAVENGE
THIS WORLD,
SEARCHING FOR
ANYTHING BEAUTIFUL.
ANYTHING THAT
STILL WORKS.

FROM TIME
TO TIME, I'VE FOUND
RECORDS OF GREAT
WARRIORS, PEOPLE OF
IMMENSE STRENGTH, WITH
SWORDS OF LIGHT
SIMILAR TO
YOURS.



THE PEOPLE
OF THIS WORLD WILL
NEVER COME TOGETHER
WILLINGLY. THEY ARE TOO
FOCUSED ON THE RIVALRY
THAT SPLIT THIS PLANET
IN HALF.

THEY MUST
BE **MADE TO**.
I DO NOT HAVE THE
STRENGTH...BUT FROM
WHAT I SAW, THE
JEDI DO.



IT MAY BE
EASIER THAN
YOU BELIEVE,
SERA.

I TRAVELED HERE
WITH MEMBERS OF
BOTH RACES. THEY
WORKED **TOGETHER**,
AND--

HA!



IF THAT IS TRUE, IT IS ONLY BECAUSE YOU PRESENTED
THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND **ME**.

BOTH CLOSED
AND OPEN HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR ME FOR AS
LONG AS THEY'VE KNOWN OF
MY EXISTENCE. THEY WANT
ME **DEAD**, JEDI.

"THE CLOSED AND OPEN WISH TO **FORGET** THE OLD TIME, OBI-WAN. NO. THEY WISH TO **ERASE** IT."

ANAKIN. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO KNOW THE LOCATION OF THAT DISTRESS SIGNAL.

GRECKER WAS PLOTTING AGAINST OBI-WAN ALL ALONG. HE WANTS YOUR MASTER TO LEAD HIM TO THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL... AND THEN HE'LL **KILL HIM**.

"THE THINGS I'VE GATHERED, THE BITS OF ART I SEND UP ON THE KITES-- THEY JUST REMIND THE LEADERS OF EVERYTHING THEY'VE **LOST**. HOW BADLY THEY'VE **FAILED**."

NOW THAT YOU'VE HELPED US ACTIVATE THE MECHS, WE CAN GO **SAVE HIM**. WE CAN SAVE EVERYONE.

WE JUST NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO GO.

"THEY WANT TO DESTROY EVERYTHING **HERE** MORE THAN THEY WANT TO DESTROY EACH OTHER. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON THEY WORKED TOGETHER."

I KNOW YOU'RE LYING, MOTHER PRAN. BUT SO WAS GRECKER.

THE DISTRESS SIGNAL WAS LOCATED ANOTHER HALF DAY'S TRAVEL PAST WHERE THE FISHERS ATTACKED, ON THAT SAME HEADING.

NOW, LET'S GO **SAVE MY MASTER**.

"IT'S TOO LATE FOR THEM, OBI-WAN."

NO, ANAKIN. YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE TO RISK. YOU'LL UNDERSTAND SOMEDAY.

"CLOSED, OPEN...THEY ONLY UNDERSTAND ONE THING--"

KOLARA, YOU AND THE OTHER YOUTHS--STAY HERE. WATCH OVER ANAKIN.

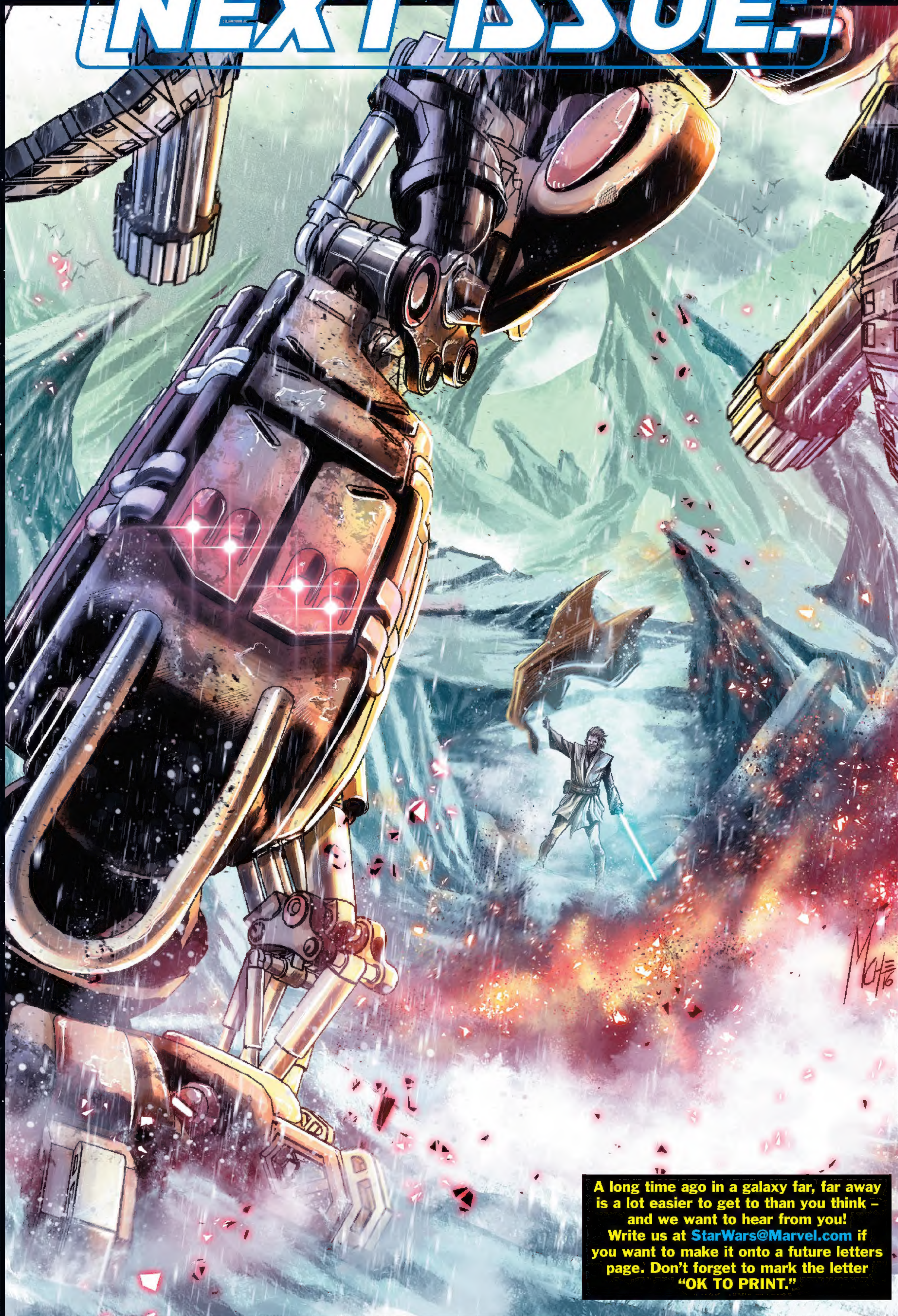
WE'LL BE BACK SOON.

"--WAR."



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continued...

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